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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
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Inventor : Tao Cheng et al.  
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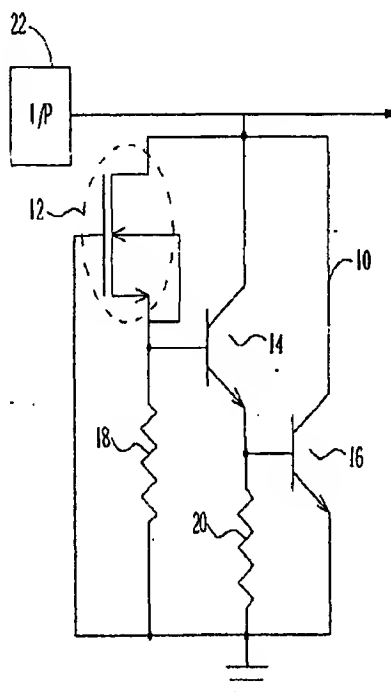
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An electrostatic discharge protection (ESD) circuit includes  
an NPN Darlington circuit and an n-type metal oxide  
semiconductor (NMOS) transistor. The drain of NMOS  
transistor is connected to the input end of the NPN Darling-  
ton circuit. The source of NMOS transistor is connected to  
the control end of the NPN Darlington circuit. The gate of  
NMOS transistor is connected to the output end of the NPN  
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